



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, KEEPING THE HOMES, NEIGHBORHOODS, SCHOOLS, WORKPLACES, AND COMMUNITIES OF NEW MEXICO SAFE IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF OUR STATE; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE PRESENCE OF CRIME IN OUR COMMUNITIES SPREADS FEAR AND DESTROYS TRUST AND FAITH IN OTHERS BY THREATENING OUR LIVES, LIBERTY, AND GENERAL WELFARE; AND

**WHEREAS**, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL OF US, FROM ALL AGES AND ALL WALKS OF LIFE, TO WORK TOGETHER WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TO KEEP OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE FROM CRIME IN ORDER TO MAKE LIFE ENJOYABLE FOR ALL; AND

**WHEREAS**, EFFECTIVE CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS EXCEL BECAUSE OF PARTNERSHIPS AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT, CIVIC GROUPS, SCHOOLS, FAITH COMMUNITIES, BUSINESSES, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS THE COMMON GOAL OF INCREASING PUBLIC SAFETY; AND

**WHEREAS**, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH HAS BROUGHT COUNTLESS COMMUNITIES TOGETHER, INSPIRING MEMBERS, BRIDGING DIVIDES, AND STRENGTHENING BONDS THROUGH A WILLINGNESS OF NEIGHBORS TO HELP EACH OTHER BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR NEIGHBORS TO HELP THEIR NEIGHBORS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMMUNITY; AND

**WHEREAS**, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ENCOURAGES INDIVIDUAL GROUPS TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES AND BE THE "EYES AND EARS," NEVER INTERVENING IN LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTY; AND

**WHEREAS**, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, ALONG WITH CRIME WATCH, BUSINESS WATCH, AND OTHER PROGRAMS, IS A TIME-HONORED TRADITION WITH OVER 25,000 PROGRAMS, 7,000 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND 2.5 MILLION PARTICIPANTS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES;

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2012 AS

## "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MONTH"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE, MAINTAIN THEIR COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES, AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THESE GROUPS.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2012.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

